

BEFORE THE CONTRACTORS BOARD

STATE OF IDAHO

In the Matter of the Registration of:)	
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Big Dog Irrigation,)	Case No. CON-2008-154
Registration No.: RCE-26672)	
)	STIPULATION AND
Respondent.)	CONSENT ORDER
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WHEREAS, information has been received by the Idaho State Board of Contractors (the "Board") that constitutes sufficient grounds for the initiation of an administrative action against Big Dog Irrigation ("Respondent"); and

WHEREAS, the parties mutually agree to settle the matter in an expeditious manner in lieu of administrative hearings before the Board; now, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED between the undersigned parties that this matter shall be settled and resolved upon the following terms:

A. Stipulated Facts and Law

A.1. The Board regulates the practice of contracting in the State of Idaho in accordance with title 54, chapter 52, Idaho Code.

A.2. The Board has issued Registration No. RCE-26672 to Respondent. Respondent's registration is subject to the provisions of title 54, chapter 52, Idaho Code and the Board's rules at IDAPA 24.21.01, *et seq.*

A.3. On or about September 12, 2007, the Idaho Division of Building Safety issued Respondent a Notice of Violation for installing a sprinkler system without a permit and failing to request an inspection of the sprinkler system at two separate properties. At the time Respondent installed these sprinkler systems, Respondent was not registered with the Board.

A.4. Respondent registered with the Board on October 16, 2008.

A.5. The allegations of Paragraphs A.3 and A.4, if proven, would violate the laws and rules governing the practice of contracting, specifically Idaho Code § 54-5204(1) (practicing contracting without registration) and 54-5215(2)(a) (violation of the Contractor Registration Act). Violations of these laws constitute grounds for disciplinary action against Respondent's registration to practice contracting in the State of Idaho.

B. Waiver of Procedural Rights

I, Mark Thompson, Owner of Respondent Big Dog Irrigation, by affixing my signature hereto, acknowledge that:

B.1. I have read, understand and admit the allegations pending before the Board, as stated in Section A, Paragraphs A.3 and A.4. I further understand that these allegations constitute cause for disciplinary action against me.

B.2. I understand that I have the right to a full and complete hearing; the right to confront and cross-examine witnesses; the right to present evidence or to call witnesses, or to testify myself; the right to reconsideration of the Board's orders; the right to judicial review of the Board's orders; and all rights accorded by the Administrative Procedure Act of the State of Idaho and the laws and rules governing the practice of contracting in the State of Idaho. I hereby freely and voluntarily waive these rights in order to enter into this Stipulation as a resolution of the pending allegations.

B.3. I understand that in signing this Stipulation I am enabling the Board to impose disciplinary action against Respondent without further process.

C. Stipulated Discipline

C.1. Respondent shall pay to the Board an administrative fine in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty and No/100 Dollars (\$250.00) within sixty (60) days of the entry of the Board's Order.

C.2. Respondent shall pay investigative costs and attorney fees in the amount of

Seven Hundred Thirty and No/100 Dollars (\$730.00) within sixty (60) days of the entry of the Board's Order.

C.3. Respondent shall comply with all state, federal and local laws, rules and regulations governing the practice of contracting in the State of Idaho.

C.4. The violation of any of the terms of this Stipulation by Respondent may warrant further Board action. The Board therefore retains jurisdiction over this proceeding until all matters are finally resolved as set forth in this Stipulation.

D. Presentation of Stipulation to Board

D.1. The Board's prosecutor shall present this Stipulation to the Board with a recommendation for approval.

D.2. The Board may accept, modify with Respondent's approval, or reject this Stipulation. If the Board rejects the Stipulation, an administrative Complaint may be filed with the Board. Respondent waives any right Respondent may have to challenge the Board's impartiality to hear the allegations in the administrative Complaint based on the fact that the Board has considered and rejected this Stipulation. Respondent does not waive any other rights regarding challenges to Board members.

D.3. If the Board rejects this Stipulation then, except for Respondent's waiver set forth in Paragraph D.2., this Stipulation shall be regarded as null and void, and admissions in this Stipulation and negotiations preceding the signing of this Stipulation will not be admissible at any subsequent disciplinary hearing.

D.4. Except for Paragraph D.2. which becomes effective when Respondent signs this Stipulation, this Stipulation shall not become effective until it has been approved by a majority of the Board and a Board member signs the attached Order.

E. Violation of Stipulation and Consent Order

E.1. If Respondent violates this Stipulation and Consent Order, the violation shall be considered grounds for additional discipline and the Board may impose additional discipline pursuant to the following procedure:

a. The Chief of the Bureau of Occupational Licenses shall schedule a hearing before the Board to assess whether Respondent has violated this Stipulation and Consent Order. The Chief shall also serve notice of the hearing and charges to Respondent and to Respondent's attorney, if any. Within twenty-one (21) days after the notice of the hearing and charges is served, Respondent may submit a response to the allegations. If Respondent does not submit a timely response to the Board, the alleged violations will be deemed admitted.

b. At the hearing, the Board and Respondent may submit evidence and present oral argument based upon the record in support of their positions. Unless otherwise ordered by the Board, the evidentiary record before the Board shall be limited to evidence relevant to whether Respondent has violated this Stipulation and Consent Order. At the hearing the facts and substantive matters related to the violations described in Section A shall not be at issue.

c. At the hearing, the Board may impose additional discipline, which may include the suspension or revocation of Respondent's registration, the imposition of fines, the recovery of costs and attorney fees incurred by the Board and/or other conditions or limitations upon Respondent's practice.

E.2. This Stipulation and Consent Order is the resolution of a contested case and is a public record.

E.3. This Stipulation contains the entire agreement between the parties, and Respondent is not relying on any other agreement or representation of any kind, verbal or otherwise.

I have read the above Stipulation fully and have had the opportunity to discuss it with legal counsel. I understand that by its terms I am waiving certain rights accorded me under Idaho law. I understand that the Board may either approve this Stipulation as proposed, approve it subject to specified changes, or reject it. I understand that, if approved as proposed, the Board will issue an Order on this Stipulation according to the aforementioned terms, and I hereby agree to the above Stipulation for

settlement. I understand that if the Board approves this Stipulation subject to changes, and the changes are acceptable to me, the Stipulation will take effect and an order modifying the terms of the Stipulation will be issued. If the changes are unacceptable to me or the Board rejects this Stipulation, it will be of no effect.

DATED this 7 day of Aug, 2009.


BIG DOG IRRIGATION


Mark Thompson, Owner
Respondent

I recommend that the Board enter an Order based upon this Stipulation.

DATED this 14th day of August, 2009.

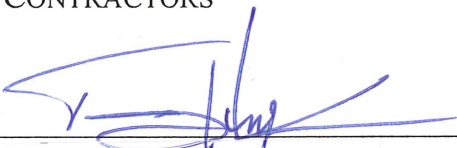
STATE OF IDAHO
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

By 
Karin Magnelli
Deputy Attorney General

ORDER

Pursuant to Idaho Code § 54-5207, the foregoing is adopted as the decision of the Board of Contractors in this matter and shall be effective on the 27th day of August, 2009. IT IS SO ORDERED.

IDAHO STATE BOARD
OF CONTRACTORS

By 
Anthony J. Hughes, Chair

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 27th day of August, 2009, I caused to be served a true and correct copy of the foregoing by the following method to:

Big Dog Irrigation
Mark Thompson
P.O. Box 1392
Idaho Falls, Idaho 83403

- ☒ U.S. Mail
- ☐ Hand Delivery
- ☒ Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested
- ☐ Overnight Mail
- ☐ Facsimile: _____
- ☐ Statehouse Mail

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Tana Cory, Chief
Bureau of Occupational Licenses